

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo Sassu, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler
Jon Mace, Board of Finance Liaison

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zoppo Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

No Awards

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Geneva Hedgecock, 73 Race Street, Apt. 1, and Kimberly Perugini, 21 White Birch Drive, Waterbury, expressed concern over the situation at 73 Race Street.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2025, REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. REPORTS OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE REPORT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Morello read a thank-you letter for Officers Eliason and Rivera-Santiago for their patience, kindness, and professionalism when they responded to a motor vehicle accident.

8. AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Commissioner Ghio reported that the Awards Committee met today and approved two awards.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Chief Morello

Chief Morello reviewed the Summer Street @ Center Street report, which was part of the Traffic Division Report.

9.2 Police Commissioners

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu would like to discuss at next month's meeting to reconsider the red light cameras.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Chief Morello

i. Chief's Report

Commissioner Sapp Smith moved to PLACE ON FILE THE CHIEF'S REPORT, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ii. 2025 Bulletproof Vest Grant Application

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST TO APPLY AND ACCEPT, IF GRANTED, THE 2025 BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

iii. Re-Install of No Parking Signs

For information purposes only.

iv. Board of Finance Requests

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE AND FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE THE REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE \$99,188 FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE DUI GRANT AND TRANSFER \$3,000 FROM THE POLICE DOG CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FRANKIE ACCOUNT, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

v. Police Board Calendar

A discussion was held regarding changing the December 16, 2026, meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday, December 15, 2026.

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE 2026 POLICE BOARD CALENDAR WITH THE NOTED POTENTIAL CHANGE, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

vi. Alarm Appeal Request

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE ALARM APPEAL REQUEST TO WAIVE \$180 LATE FEES FOR THE BRISTOL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

vii. Berlin Shooting Range

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE BERLING SHOOTING RANGE AGREEMENT, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

viii. Request for Vested Termination

Council Member Tyler moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR VESTED TERMINATION FOR DETECTIVE TIMOTHY MORYTKO, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 30, 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ix. Request for Retirement

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT FOR DETECTIVE PETER DAUPHINAIS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

10.2 Police Commissioners

A discussion was held. Commissioner Ghio would like a cost analysis for buying back time for certified officers. Mayor Zoppo Sassu agrees that a cost analysis for buying back time for certified officers should be done, along with a review of our Veterans' Reserve Retirement.

Commissioner Ghio moved to AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CHIEF MORELLO TO DRAFT A MEMO TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR OUTLINING CONCERNS OF VETERANS' RESERVE RETIREMENT AND A COST-BENEFIT STUDY RELATED TO BUYING BACK TIME FOR LATERAL TRANSFERS OF CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS, Seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ghio moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 18th day of November, 2025, was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 6:38 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas
Recording Secretary